

IN THE UNITED STATE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Robert Alexander Howell, et al.
For: : STRUCTURAL I-BEAM AUTOMOTIVE
: SUSPENSION ARM
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Serial No. : 10/510,177
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Filing Date : October 4, 2004
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Art Unit : 3616
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Examiner : Eric D. Culbreth
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Attorney Docket No. : BAE 3055
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Confirmation No. : 6771

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or
(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
- under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:
 - Certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or
 - a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or
(After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)

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a \$180.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1).

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Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO/SB/08A Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant together with copies, of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicants are aware.

Applicants submit that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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The Applicants, through their representative, respectfully submit this statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) regarding the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith. Specifically, the Applicants would like to state that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. This citation occurred not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Specifically, JP 09-123722 and JP 2002-192261 were first cited in a Japanese Office Action dated April 21, 2009. We also note that U.S. 5,992,867, which claims priority to the application which matured into JP 09-123722, was cited by the Examiner in Form PTO-892 accompanying the Office Action of December 13, 2006.

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